

SHALL THE HELP?

THAT IS THE QUESTION KANSAS DEMOCRATS HAVE TO DECIDE.

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State Committee to Meet Saturday Evening to Decide Whether or Not to Take Part in the Campaign—Kansas Political News.

TOPEKA, Aug. 16.—(Special.) What promises to be an interesting meeting of the Democratic state central committee has been called by Chairman J. Mack Love for this city Saturday evening of this week. The object of the meeting is to determine whether the Democrats shall open headquarters for the state campaign and take an active part in supporting the Leedy administration. Upon this question there is a wide difference of opinion, which is likely to cause considerable difficulty before it is settled.

David Overmyer and John Martin, clerk of the supreme court, are the most prominent supporters of the Leedy crowd and they insist that the Democrats shall open headquarters and help the Populists win the election. Mr. Overmyer said: "If the Democratic committee will not open headquarters, I will take part in the campaign under the direction of the Populist committee, although I much prefer to campaign for the state for the Democratic committee."

John Martin, who has a good job, says he will make a few speeches and that it is his desire to be killed out by the Democrats. The resolute crowd, who oppose the opening of state headquarters and insist that the Democrats leave Leedy and his crowd to take care of themselves, seem to be headed by J. W. Epp, J. W. Adams, Chairman Love is also advised of being lukewarm in his support of Leedy, but in response to the demand for a meeting of the committee to take action on the subject he has issued the call.

HE STANDS UP FOR KANSAS.

Kansas University Professor Spreads the Gospel of the Sunflower State in the East.

TOPEKA, Aug. 16.—(Special.) Professor A. H. Olin, of Lawrence, who has gone on a visit to his old home in Ohio, carried with him a number of the following facts pertaining to Kansas: 1. The geographical, industrial and mining center of the United States. 2. She only raised 20,000,000 bushels of wheat and 200,000,000 bushels of corn in 1897. 3. She sells her salt from Kiondick to Cuba. 4. She has 15,000 acres of home grown forests. 5. She has 14,000,000 bearing fruit trees. 6. She has the largest apple orchard in the world. 7. She has not a saloon within her borders, but drug stores—say. 8. She has 20,000 national guards and politicians to spare. 9. She has 300,000 voters, is the Alpha and will be the Omega of Populism. 10. Since 1892 she has saved time to build 5,000 churches and 5,000 school houses. 11. Kansas exports more goods than any other state in the Union, while she employs 12,000 to 15,000 men in the army. 12. She has one poet, 500 would-be's, and one of the greatest song writers in America. 13. The cyclone has hit her borders, but Eastern tourists. 14. She has deported her grasshoppers, exterminated her chinch bugs, and sent her boomers to Luzon. 15. She has 1,000 miles more railroad than Ohio. 16. Too bad her debt is only one-ninth of that of the other states, and she is paying her debts and paying off her mortgage. 17. She is the home of the Santa Fe, the Great railroad. 18. She has 200,000 prosperous farmers and 4,000 happy merchants. 19. She has the greatest zinc mines and smelters in the world. 20. Her difficulties are being overcome and she is climbing to the stars of progress, peace and prosperity.

TRIED AND FOUND WANTING.

Populist Legislators Are Being Turned Down in Their County Conventions.

TOPEKA, Aug. 16.—(Special.) It appears that the Populists who served the state in the last legislature failed to conduct themselves in such a manner as to merit an invitation to the Populist convention, and very few of them will be nominated.

A dozen conventions have been held, and the men who have been elected to represent the Populist party in the coming year are: J. J. Marty, of Clay county. In all other districts where conventions have been held, the Populist party has been turned down and new men selected.

Montgomery Fasten Knocked Out.

COFFEYVILLE, KAN., Aug. 16.—(Special.) The fusion forces held their convention here to-day, re-nominating the present incumbent, Montgomery, for the legislature. The seats were filled in a few minutes, but this did not prevent others from crowding in and the result was the occupying every available inch of space. The tremendous weight overstrained the benches and the result was a crash. A warning cry was uttered, and this precipitated the accident. A rush of persons tried to get off the ground and brought the weight in one spot, and the whole structure collapsed.

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Four or Five Fires Started by Lightning Were Raging at Once Last Night.

NEILLSVILLE, WIS., Aug. 16.—The most violent electrical storm ever witnessed here occurred last night. The flashes of lightning were constant and the thunder was something awful. At one time four or five fires were in progress and the Catholic parsonage buildings were completely destroyed. James Owen was killed; John C. Adams, a respected citizen, was killed; three other persons were killed by a shock during the storm. Father A. J. Joerns, parsonage, escaped from his burning parsonage.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The president to-day tendered to Senator Allison, of Iowa, and Senator Gorman, of Maryland, the honor of serving as members of the peace commission. Senator Allison, however, could not see his way clear to accept the honor. The tender was made in the course of a lengthy interview to-day at the White House. The appointment of Senator Allison, almost as much as that of Secretary Day, has been regarded as a foregone conclusion.

The administration has been anxious to secure his services, as his long experience in public life, and especially his experience as chairman of the appropriations committee of the senate and on the finance committee, would make him particularly valuable in the adjustment of the knotty financial problems likely to arise during the deliberations of the Paris tribunal. Senator Allison, in acknowledging the honor offered him, explained that the interests of his state in the senate and his desire to continue his former vigorous participation in the shaping of legislation in that body and other duties would preclude his taking up the arduous duties at Paris and would demand much time and serious work.

During a portion of the interview ex-Representative Bourke Cockran, of New York, was present. His services in the McKinley campaign, along with other circumstances, gave rise to speculation that he had been summoned here by the president in connection with the making up of the peace commission. Mr. Cockran, however, stated that he was here solely on private business and merely called to pay his respects to the president. He is not a candidate for any office, and no offer, direct or indirect, of any sort of an appointment has been made to him.

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Some Question as to the Proper Term to Apply to Our New Possessions.

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The colonial building will be for distinctively colonial exhibitions. In it Great Britain will display the products of India, Canada and her other colonies, and other European nations will exhibit the wealth of their dependencies in all quarters of the earth.

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FUSION IN COLORADO.

Silver Republicans, Populists and Democrats Will Name a Joint Ticket.

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Four Men Succeeded in Reaching the Summit of Wyoming's Highest Mountain.

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